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DIETERICH HEARS NEWS OF HIS WIFE; HURRIES AFTER HER

Announcement Made That Mother of the Young Woman Cabled the Millionaire From London and He Will Sail To-Morrow.

The announcement was made to-day that Alfred E. Dieterich, the young millionaire whose wife was reported to have eloped with Harry S. Brenchley, professional whip, had received a cablegram from Mrs. M. E. Young, Mrs. Dieterich's mother, sent from London, and that he will sail for Europe on the Majestic to-morrow.

Mrs. Young also cabled from Paris, according to her sister, Mrs. J. B. Argets, and stated that she had arrived safely at the French capital with her son and daughter, Mrs. Dieterich.

Mrs. Argets was seen at the home of Mrs. M. E. Young, mother of Mrs. Alfred Dieterich, at No. 19 East Fifty-fourth street. She said that she had received a cablegram from Mrs. Young, dated Paris, at 1 o'clock this morning. In the message Mrs. Young had stated that she and her son had arrived safely at the Hotel Ritz, and that Mrs. Dieterich was with them.

When asked by reporters if she would allow them to see the cablegram Mrs. Argets said:

"It is not conveniently by, but its contents are in brief just as I stated. I am at a loss to know what all this confusion is about. They are all there in Paris and all together."

Mrs. Dieterich was at his office, No. 1 Rector street, to-day, but refused to discuss his plans or admit or deny he had received word from his wife.

Mrs. Charles E. Dieterich was seen by an Evening World reporter to-day in her home at No. 63 Fifth avenue.

"All this is a great shock and surprise," she said. "Our relations with our daughter-in-law were always most congenial, and the relations between her and my son were always, I had supposed, most friendly and pleasant. Mrs. Dieterich had been at the opera on Saturday when the report of her daughter-in-law's alleged elopement first became current."

"Have you heard," the reporter said, "that any one prominent in society has something to do with influencing or aiding your daughter-in-law in the reported elopement?"

"Certainly not," said Mrs. Dieterich, emphatically. "As I said, I do not know anything. It is all dark to me. Of course I am interested, but the persons to make any public statement are my son or my husband."

Ask Husband, She Says.

"Do you know whether your daughter-in-law sailed with her mother?"

"You must ask her husband," she said.

That young Mrs. Dieterich and her husband have not been on terms of friendly intimacy for several years has been frequently gossiped about among their acquaintances. The former Miss Young was a daughter of one of the oldest families of wealth and social importance in the South, whereas the great fortune of the Dieterichs, acquired in natural gas, is of rather recent garnering. The Dieterich, it is said, have been made to feel their lack of pedigree by the Youngs, and as a consequence there has been a decided crispness in the relations between the two families.

No one has ever doubted the devotion of young Alfred Dieterich for his vivacious wife and their four-year-old little girl, who is now with him in his apartment on Madison avenue. He was not one of the sort who went in much for gay social functions. His father had started him in business and helped him build up a large independent fortune, so that his business affairs took up the greater part of his time. As much of it as he could spare, nevertheless, he devoted to his wife and occasionally accompanied her to horse shows in which she was keenly interested as an exhibitor.

Abandoned Club Life.

A member of the Metropolitan, Calumet and many other clubs, the young man practically abandoned club life after his marriage. During the past month or so he has visited none of them, and it was in these same clubs that the gossip first started that connected the name of his wife with that of the young Englishman who had made his way into society because of his rare knowledge of horse flesh.

THE BATTLE SHIPS en route to the Pacific coast under the command of Admiral Dewey, will be met by the fleet of the United States Navy at the mouth of the Strait of Magellan.

At King's, Cor. 10th St. and 4th St. A chance seldom offered to get a swell suit, lined overcoat, at 25c. Also, a new suit, lined overcoat, at 25c. Also, a new suit, lined overcoat, at 25c.

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BIG MAURETANIA CUTS LOOSE AND SINKS A BARGE

Swift Tide and Strong Wind Break Hawsers of the Great Cunarder.

SHIP ALMOST CAPSIZES.

Listed When Bow Ropes Parted, but Quickly Righted to an Even Keel.

It looked for about thirty seconds to-day as if the giant Cunarder Mauretania would go down in sixty-five feet of water alongside her dock when the wind, sweeping up the North River, tore away her bow fastenings and heeled her far over on one side. She righted at once, thanks to the upward pressure under her flanks of a drier of canal boats and harbor craft, but one of the small fry went to the bottom and half a dozen of them were damaged.

The Mauretania was lying on the northerly side of Pier 54, at the foot of West Thirtieth street, rearing high out of the water, so that the wind and the tide, both moving in the same direction, had a clean sweep at her great bulk.

Big Hawsers Snapped.

About 10 o'clock, with a noise like a pistol shot, the first bow hawser parted. The next two hawsers cables held, but the strain twisted of the "bitts" of the iron stanchions to which they were made fast, and the nose of the ship steamship began to swing outward and upward in a wide arc.

At the same instant she lurched over so far that for an exciting half minute her decks were at an angle. Then the stern lines, which had held, pulled her back on an even keel. The forward gangplank was yanked off the pier and dropped overboard.

The ship was pretty well filled up with small river boats—lighters, scows and canal boats. The Mauretania carried most of them with her in her swing, and when she finally halted they were jammed together in a huddle against the pier.

Of rough treatment.

The coal barge Alice P. Rogers, bound to M. P. Smith & Co. of No. 115 Broad street, was moored right alongside the ship, taking on ashes. This barge was stove in and began to fill.

Saved Wife and Baby.

The captain, named Samuels, got his wife and baby out of the little cabin and carried them to a lighter which was touching his craft. The despatch barge sank in less than five minutes.

After the tide changed two of the Cunard company's tug, the Kirchbaum and the Rubman, brought the rebellious liner back into her berth and tied her up again. As she does not sail until next Saturday, there were no passengers aboard.

BANK REFUSED TO PAY FOR WALKER'S EXTRADITION.

NEW BRITAIN, Conn., Dec. 22.—It was stated to-day that the cost of bringing William F. Walker, the defaulter, across the continent will be about \$1500, the expense to be met by the State. The Savings Bank of New Britain, of which Walker was treasurer, was asked to meet the expense of getting the former banker back to New Britain, but the officials declined, and accordingly the matter was taken up by the money being on hand, the matter was turned over to Chief Sgan, of the State police.

To-day the bank officials in this city received a letter from Consul E. E. Bailey, of Ensenada, Mexico, enclosing a letter written to Bailey by Walker and signed H. M. Morrison, by which Walker was known in Mexico. The details of the letter were not made known, the officials simply stating that the handwriting was identical with that of Walker's.

SILK LINED OVERCOATS GO CHEAP

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BROTHER SCORES SISTER IN SUIT AGAINST PASTOR

Police Lieutenant Star Witness in Mrs. Miller's Suit for Libel.

HE WARNED MINISTER.

Says He Told Him to Beware of Four Elders Who Sat as Jurors.

The second session in the hearing of charges of criminal libel brought by Arthur E. Miller and his wife, Nellie, against the Rev. J. Edwin Triplett, pastor of the Bedford Park Presbyterian Church, in the Centre Street Police Court this afternoon. The suit is accused of having written letters damaging to the peace of mind and reputation of Mrs. Miller. The charges all grew out of an attempt to get the Millers out of the church.

George Gordon Battle appeared as counsel for the accused minister and Assistant District Attorney Train was on hand for the prosecution. All hands were in court. The first witness placed on the stand was Victor J. Williams, a member of the church and one of the members of an investigating committee of the church which had been organized to look into the charges against Mrs. Miller. Mr. Williams read the resolution that had been passed and which had been dictated by the Rev. Mr. Triplett.

Miller Refused to Resign.

Williams testified that he was directed by the pastor to show the resolution to Miller and ask the latter to resign, with his wife, from the church and thus avoid any public airing of the matter. Miller refused to resign, testified Mr. Williams, and was thereupon held before the session of the church. Lieut. Charles Baker, who is attached to the Mercer street police station, was next called, and he proved a rather lively witness. Lieut. Baker is a brother of Mrs. Miller, but he is not with her by any means. He was, in fact, quite bitterly opposed to her. A letter written by Baker concerning his sister was read. Baker also had a number of things to say about some of the elders of the church, who he said were working in the interests of Mrs. Miller. He said that he had been told by some of the elders that they should have been impartial when they should have been impartial.

He Warned the Pastor.

"When one of the other three elders asked me about the morals of the Millers and I told a few things one of the four exclaimed, 'That's damnable,' and continued to shout in this manner until the pastor had stepped forward."

Lieut. Baker said he turned to the Rev. Mr. Triplett and told him he wouldn't get fair play from the four elders and caused a laugh when he remarked:

"I told Mr. Triplett that he had better look out or he would be like the label on the bottle in it."

HAMILTON BANK AFFAIRS GET TO THE GRAND JURY

Charges against officers of the Hamilton Bank, based upon a report of the temporary receiver, Frank White, were presented to the Grand Jury to-day by District Attorney Jerome. E. R. and Orlando Thomas, formerly president and director of the bank, and William R. Montgomery, who succeeded E. R. Thomas as president, were named in the charges.

The specific complaint is that the three men named made overdrafts and also loaned to themselves more than the legal limit of the bank's funds.

Shortly before the Grand Jury took up the charges President Montgomery arrived at the District Attorney's office, accompanied by Howard S. Gans, formerly first assistant of Mr. Jerome. As counsel for Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Gans said:

"It will be simple for us to prove that there were no overdrafts at the time the bank suspended. This action is inspired because of the fight Mr. Montgomery is making against the receiver."

INQUIRY INTO ABUSES OF INSANE ENDED, REPORT FOR GOVERNOR

THIEF AIMS PISTOL
AT GIRL GUEST OF
HOTEL NETHERLAND

After Scaling Walls, Invader Simply Asks Guest to Let Him Go Free and Causes Panic by Flight.

Details of a desperate escape through the Hotel Netherland by a burglar on Friday night only came out to-day. The thief gave the guests of the hotel a great scare, particularly a young woman. The young woman was asleep in her room on the eleventh floor when the burglar dashed up the fire escape and leaped in through her unlocked window. According to the story that the guests of the hotel are telling, the burglar placed a revolver at the young girl's forehead and ordered her to keep still or he would kill her.

The young woman, it is said, pleaded for her life and offered all her jewelry if the burglar would spare her.

"I don't want your jewelry," the thief reportedly have replied. "I'm in a tight fix and all I want is to get out of here. Now, you just be a good little girl, open that door, let me out and skip away from here, and I will not bother you."

Thief Gets Away.

The young woman did as she was told. She made no outcry until the burglar was well on his way to the ground floor.

When the cry was raised throughout the hotel by the young woman and other guests who had observed the crook scaling the fire-escapes like a cat, the clerks and other attendants on the ground floor saw a stockily-built man dash through the lobby like a shot.

The thief was followed, but he was fleet of foot and escaped by running into Central Park.

The thief was first seen by several Netherland guests as he was prowling on top of Park & Tilford's building, which adjoins the hotel on the north and on the east, running about it in an "L." The burglar became frantic when he saw that his movements were being watched. The Park & Tilford building is eight stories high, while the Hotel Netherland towers over it for six floors.

The thief rushed about on the Park & Tilford roof trying windows on both the north and east sides of the hotel. All of these are kept locked. Seeing his escape was thus balked, he swung up the fire escape, shaking at the windows on the ninth and tenth floors. He finally found a window unlocked on the eleventh floor and dashed in there.

Didn't Rob the Hotel.

"Absolutely nothing was taken from this hotel," said Manager J. H. Whitaker this afternoon. "We will not give the name of the young lady whom the burglar frightened so. She does not want publicity for this affair. The police have learned of the matter and the young woman has been asked to visit Police Headquarters and look over the Rogers' gallery in an attempt to pick out the man. She has gone to the Detective Bureau this afternoon."

Manager Whitaker denied that the burglar had placed a revolver against the young woman's head, but others about the hotel were positive in saying that such had been the case.

Manager Carey, of the Park & Tilford establishment, said that nothing was taken from their place, and also stated that there was no evidence of the burglar having been in their building. He is inclined to the belief that the crook gained his roof by way of the hotel.

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Dec. 22.—The American torpedo boat fleet, which left here yesterday morning at 8 o'clock for Rio Janeiro, on its way to the Pacific, returned to-day because of an accident to the machinery of the Lawrence.

The damage is not serious, and it is estimated that the repairs can be made in one day. The supply ship Arcturion has gone on to Paris.

The battleship fleet has not yet been signalled.

PORTUGUESE PREMIER TO TAKE POWER FROM PEERS.

LISBON, Dec. 22.—Premier Franco is planning to reorganize the Portuguese House of Peers and transfer the judicial powers now exercised by the House to the courts.

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Two Accused Attendants Vanish After Dr. Mahon Assures Evening World Investigator All Will Be Detained.

TWO IDENTIFY TORTURERS BEFORE STATE COMMISSION.

Reports to Physician on Nurses' Book Mention Injuries, but State That They Were Injured by Other Inmates—Green "Dope" Stupefied.

The investigation of the Ward's Island Insane Asylum by the State Lunacy Commission was concluded this afternoon, and the findings on the inquiry will be submitted to Gov. Hughes Dec. 30. Dr. Ferris, who headed the investigation board, said that when the findings are submitted, certain recommendations would undoubtedly be made to the Governor. Especially he would recommend that there be an increase of pay for the attendants, as it was impossible to get a high grade of men for \$21.50 a month, the present rate of pay.

When it was suggested to Dr. Ferris that it might be wise to recommend a rotary system of switching the attendants about from one ward to another, so that the men would not become set in their ways and consider themselves absolute masters of the wards, he said that the subject had probably been considered.

"Undoubtedly," said Dr. Ferris, "the present management has thought of this and considered that the present plan is the best."

It had also been suggested to Dr. Ferris that seven patients in Ward No. 4, about whom Dr. McCarthy had testified that they manifested more intelligence than the others, be called. It was pointed out that the patients could appear "dopey" and totally irrational, and that the others might give clearer testimony concerning alleged brutal treatment.

Refused Suggestions.

To this the Commissioner answered: "We don't care to have any suggestions made on how to conduct this investigation. We have carried on the inquiry as we thought best."

The last witness called was Dr. Floyd Haviland, who is in attendance at the asylum. He gave expert evidence about the treatment of epileptics and explained that many such patients were badly bruised and out by falling in fits.

Charles Shorter, an attendant in Ward 40, who has been employed on the island since October, declared that he had never witnessed any harsh treatment of patients.

During the investigation it was revealed that two of the attendants charged with brutality by Dr. John C. McCarthy in his exposure, published in The Evening World, have disappeared. They are John O'Connell and Thomas Tipping.

On the day Dr. McCarthy's story was printed, Dr. Mahon, the superintendent, said that all the attendants in Ward No. 40 mentioned by Dr. McCarthy after the investigation. But Tipping and O'Connell got away and the hospital authorities are reticent about the circumstances surrounding their disappearance.

Confirmation of Dr. McCarthy's statements was furnished on Saturday by two of the unfortunate patients in ward 40, William Benque and Hamilton McDuffy. These men, while confined as insane, are sane enough on ordinary subjects and are able to tell a connected story and describe events.

Of the witness Benque, a tall, dignified patient, who has been in the hospital two years, Samuel S. Koenig, counsel for both the State Commission in Lunacy and the Manhattan State Hospital, asked:

"Did you ever have any trouble with any attendants in your ward?"

Benque nodded his head.

Q. You have seen an attendant put a towel around the neck of a patient? A. I have seen them.

Q. Go on and describe what happens to the patient, please, after the towel is twisted about his neck. A. Well, he could not breathe any more.

McDuffy was one of the beaten patients in Ward 40 mentioned by Dr. McCarthy in his diary. He is a small, sized negro with a very low forehead. He testified that he assisted in waiting on the same far-animal times. His answers to questions put by Mr. Koenig are here given:

Q. Did the attendants ever strike you? A. Well, I have been treated a little rough since I have been here.

Q. Just tell us all about it, Mr. McDuffy. A. Four or five times by the head officers.

Q. What do they do, put their hands on you? A. They gave me a good beating up.

Q. How? A. Kicked, bent and knocked me around a little.

Q. With their hands? A. Yes, with their hands.

Q. Who was it that did that? A. Two of them are up there, Demuth and Phillip (these are names the witness had for attendants he later identified).

"Hanged" with His Own Suspender.

Q. What do they do? A. Take you down and use you a little rougher than I am used to. Choke you. Pull you around a little rougher than I am used to being used.

Q. How many times did they do that to you? A. Six or seven times.

Q. Whom did you tell about it? A. This is the first time I have told it.

Q. Do you know the name of the captain that took you down? A. Do I know him?

Q. Yes. A. Oh, I know him quite well.

Q. What is the name of the captain? A. I said we called him Phillip.

Q. When did you last see him, or did you see him to-day? A. Oh, yes, I just left him about twenty minutes ago.

By Mr. Koenig—Now, when you say that a captain took you down and choked you, how did he do it—with his hands? A. Well, I had a pair of suspenders on and he pulled them off and put them around my neck and pulled them around. You understand how that is done.

McDuffy Identifies Attendants.

Attendant Leahy was produced before the witness and the commissioners. By Mr. Koenig:

Q. Now, Mr. McDuffy, do you know this gentleman here? A. That is the one I know. They call him Phillip.

Q. That is the gentleman you called the captain when you testified here before? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Now, is this the man that took you down and used you roughly? A. This is the man that helped take me down and used me roughly.

Q. Who was the other captain? A. I called him Demuth. I don't know none of the names.

Q. Could you pick him out? A. I can